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SUBJECT: DR. JONAS SALK INTEREST IN EGYPT

1. DR. JONAS SALK CONTACTED DEPT TO ASK OUR ADVICE ON ACCEPTING AN EGYPTIAN INVITATION TO JOIN THE AMERICAN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOR THE FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY. WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE AN AMERICAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR BE IN THE VEIN OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE FAITH AND HOPE SOCIETY. AFTER OUTLINING THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY AND ITS HOSPITAL PROGRAM, DR. SALK INDICATED HE WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT THEIR INVITATION.

2. SALK WAS MORE INTERESTED, HOWEVER, IN OFFERING HIS HELP TO THE EGYPTIANS IN COMBATTING THEIR POLIO PROBLEM. HE FEELS HIS EXPERTISE WOULD BE OF VALUE AND, AS HE PUT IT, WOULD SAVE THE NECESSITY OF SOME OF THEIR REHABILITATION WORK. HE WANTED US TO PASS HIS INTEREST IN A DISCREET WAY TO THE EGYPTIANS TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS COMING TO CAIRO TO GIVE SOME LECTURES AND TO TALK TO THEIR EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD. WE THANKED HIM FOR HIS OFFER AND INDICATED WE WOULD PASS THIS ON TO THE AMBASSADOR.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S REACTION TO THIS
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OFFER AND IF THE EMBASSY IS IN FAVOR THEY MAY WISH TO DIS-
CUSS IT WITH THE APPROPRIATE EGYPTIANS SO WE CAN GO BACK
TO DR. SALK. IF DR. COOPER IS STILL THERE, OBVIOUSLY IT
WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GET HIS ADVICE ON THIS.

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